

Scrap and Facts.

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ers and brokers from use of the mails in interstate commerce, unless complete reorganization is made. If they are not reorganized they will be treated exactly as the Louisiana lottery was treated.

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The policy now being pursued by York county of putting in concrete culverts, wherever practicable instead of bridges, is expensive; but nevertheless it has much to recommend it.

What careful attention to home gardening and canning will do to the high cost of living will be a plenty. This, of course, provided home gardening and home canning get careful attention.

Many of the newspapers are more or less worried over the question as to what President-elect Wilson is going to do with Mr. Bryan. We move that the matter be left to President-elect Wilson.

Senator Clapp, chairman of the committee investigating campaign funds, wants congress to prohibit the sending of money from one state to another to help in elections.

That was a generous and thoughtful action on the part of President Taft in offering President-elect Wilson a bath in which to make a visit to Panama; but the understanding is that Governor Wilson has decided not to accept because of other plans just now.

That was a bright and thoughtful speech that Hon. John L. McLaughlin made in his campaign last week for re-election without opposition and we are quite sure that many of his old friends in York county will enjoy it thoroughly.

The development of an adequate system of rural loans in the United States is a matter of tremendous importance, not only to the farmer, but to the whole country.

Great Britain has filed with the state department an earnest protest against the proposition that the United States government can exempt American vessels from Panama canal tolls without violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

The text of Governor Blease's Richmond speech did not become available to the Enquirer until this morning at an hour too late to permit of its reproduction in full in today's paper.

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an effort to save himself and was caught. As the outcome of the affair his transportation interests passed into the hands of the enemy and after he was sent to prison the competitive system he had built up was removed. Now in a suit brought in the name of his sister, Morse is charging the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad company with having violated the Sherman anti-trust law as the result of an alleged conspiracy by which control of the Metropolitan company from Morse for the purpose of wrecking the same. The bill goes on to set forth how the ships of the Metropolitan company were taken out of competition with the New York, New Haven and Hartford company and sent to the Pacific coast. There is no reason to doubt that Morse is behind the suit that is being brought in the name of his sister and it is commonly believed that it is his purpose to try to convict the owners of the offending railroad company under the Sherman act and to bring an action to compel them to restore to him damages three times the amount of the losses he actually sustained. Congressman Martin W. Littleton is one of Morse's counsel. The court is asked, in short, to break up the New Haven road's transportation monopoly, by rehabilitating the Metropolitan Steamship company as an independent concern, and by compelling the return to competition of the big steamers Yale and Harvard, which are now carrying passengers between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Following a programme previously arranged, the Republican governors who attended the conference at Richmond, were entertained at Washington by President Taft and afterward undertook to get together in an effort to re-organize the Republican party. It was found, however, that the Progressives were not ready to consider the matter, and that former old liners who had been prominently connected with the party's activities were without any enthusiasm just now. There was nothing much to do, except to postpone the proposed re-organization for another year.

The Report of the Grand Jury. Editor W. W. Smoak, the Walterboro Press and Standard has had another personal difficulty, this time for publishing a special report of the Colleton county grand jury.

It appears that there was a difference of opinion on the part of the mayor and council of Walterboro on the one hand, and certain citizens of Walterboro on the other hand, as to whether certain alleged violators of the law should be punished.

Complaints had been lodged against the alleged offenders in due form, and after they had been allowed by the mayor and council to lie without action for what seemed to the people interested on the other side of the question, too long a time, there was complaint to the grand jury and when that body issued official notice, its presentment was published in the Walterboro Press and Standard.

This publication, it appears, was made the occasion of an attack by the mayor on Mr. Smoak, the editor of the paper, and although the attack probably did not amount to a great deal so far as the editor is concerned, the incident seems to furnish a basis for a little thought.

We are not going to claim that it was the duty of this editor, in the sense of an obligation, to publish this presentment; but there is no question in our mind of his right to publish it. If he thought that the public should know it, its publication was a duty.

A general presentment of a grand jury, unaccompanied by a bill of indictment, is of very little value, unless it gets to the public, and if such a presentment is of importance to begin with, its importance is not complete until it gets in a newspaper.

We can readily understand how this Walterboro mayor would not have cared two cents, for the action of the grand jury in burying its complaint in the seldom read pages of the Seasons Journal, and we can understand as well that he would be roused to the fighting point when the matter is spread before the public, and as of course it might prove exceedingly dangerous to attack a member of the grand jury, as such, this fellow naturally chose to let himself loose on the editor instead.

It is a common custom among the newspapers of the grand jury to publish presentments of grand juries for what they are worth as of interest to the people. Some newspapers use their discretion in publishing such reports or parts of such reports as they see proper, and others, we believe, publish these reports only as official documents which in the way of all them should be published.

Work for the Plant Breeders. There is in progress in Columbia today a meeting, the results of which will be of tremendous importance to the future uplift and progress of the state of South Carolina. If the efforts of the broad minded, patriotic men who are seeking to put splendid ideas into execution, only receive the proper backing.

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plant breeding and if that knowledge were only directed, trained and stimulated, within a very few years it could be paying tremendous dividends—much larger than now.

Plant breeding is accomplished in several ways; but mainly by intelligent selection of seed and the encouragement of intelligent seed selection is the principal aim of the association; but not all. It is hoped that there will be defined a more general knowledge of what science has learned as to grafting, crossing, etc. The members of the organization believe that there are as many good brains in South Carolina as elsewhere and while they do not expect to interest everybody in plant breeding, they believe that they may succeed in interesting many of the people, who by nature and education are best fitted for the work and they have hopes of the general results that would follow.

The most common method commonly referred to as the plant wizard. It is because he has worked so many seeming miracles on and with plants and constituted so immeasurably to the wealth, pleasure and happiness of mankind. But Luther Burbank despises the name of wizard, because he knows that there is nothing even mysterious about his achievements. He is not inclined to admit that he has done anything remarkable. All that he is willing to concede is, that by close study and communion with nature, he has discovered some simple secrets that have enabled him to improve some plants tremendously and bring about the creation of others.

Every farmer in the county who can read, knows of the improved varieties of cotton that have been introduced in the past few years, and that the improvement has been brought about mainly by seed selection. It was in this way that Mr. David R. Coker has improved the cotton in Darlington county, mainly around Hartsville, until Darlington county cotton now brings more money by hundreds of thousands of dollars than the same number of pounds of the kind grown a few years ago would plant.

Of course plant breeding is a slow, tedious process; but since any intelligent individual can do it by careful, persistent effort look how much genuine intellectual pleasure there is in it. There is something in it that is more something than this thing of actually getting down close to nature? The secondary rewards are almost always great; but those who are most successful in pursuits of this kind almost invariably reach a point where they esteem the pleasure and happiness it gives them more than they do the pecuniary rewards.

We are not calling on everybody to join in this movement. We recognize that there are people and people, and almost as many tastes as there are people. There are lots of farmers—pretty good farmers—who care nothing for plant breeding and who do not care to have their crops mixed up with those of others who feel an interest and who would like to know a great deal more than they know now. We hope that as soon as there is a call for the organization of York county, all the people who are interested and who are in a position to do so, will join in the movement.

There is a patch of woods near Hickory Grove that was once owned by a certain man who had a habit of cutting himself in them. Since the tragedy, the woods have been supposed to be haunted. There is every reason to believe that the woods are haunted by a "possum" in this particular patch; but as "possums" cannot be hunted successfully in the woods, the "possum" continues to haunt the patch. Light out from the negroes, it is said would not think of going into this patch of woods after night. There are whites who do not think of going into this patch of woods after night. The gentleman who told this story said that a white possum hunter, told him the Traylor woods like this: "Before I got very far into the woods the dogs trod, I looked back and saw a dog's tail sticking up. I checked the light behind my back I seemed trying to shine his eyes. Before I knew it the 'possum kept sticking his head out at me. He was once there was standing on the limb what looked to me like a full-grown man. I didn't do a thing but throw my gun and run. I heard a dog bark there. There were two ten-fence between the woods and home; but all the same I got home before the dogs did."

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. D. C. Clark—Requests return of a lost Chase note. Chas. A. Douglas, Rock Hill—Offers real estate for sale. J. M. Meek Burns—Will sell stall feed beef from Fratton's farm, on the streets of Yorkville, S. C. W. T. Slaughter, and others, Trustees—Give notice of sale of the old school building and lot at Hickory Grove. N. S. Black—Will appreciate information as to whereabouts of an estray horse belonging to the Yorkville Creamery Association. Will pay 30 or more cents a pound for butter fat, if 3,000 lbs. or more are furnished each month. McGill Bros.—Call on those owing them on account or lien, to pay. Hugo G. Brown, Yorkville—Gives notice of sale of realty on sale day in January, involved in suit of Kimbrell Co. vs. O'Connell. Fred C. Brown—Offers several small farms for rent, and several for sale. J. C. Wilborn—Has attractive real estate offerings today. See pages four and three. Yorkville Hardware Co.—Announces a range of hardware for the holiday trade and is well worth the while of all interested to take a look before the stocks have been too generally picked over. The Gastonia and Yorkville basketball teams played a match game on the Yorkville grounds last Friday afternoon in the presence of a large and interested audience. The game was won by the Gastonia team, 16 to 9. The street committee has just given the macadam paving on North Carolina street, another thorough washing, much to the comfort of pedestrians who have heretofore had to cross in the mud. There were full houses at the Star theatre last Friday and Saturday night to see Nat C. Goodwin, as 'Fagan' in 'The Great Dictator' and 'The Great Dictator's' 'Oliver Twist'. There were five reels of the play and although it was not as good as the other plays which have rarely less enjoyable to many others who thus got their first conception of the stirring story. The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, which was held at the Rock Hill building last Friday, was a notable event, as such things go, not only as to variety and extent of commodities offered; but from the amount of receipts, which were close upon the record, it was an all-around success. The bazaar was in charge of a general store, which was offered various articles, contributed by church members and others, including a large quantity of clothing, shoes, turnips, and almost everything in the way of country produce, bread, pickles, jellies, preserves, cookies of all kinds, and a large quantity of fancy needlework and so on. A regular lunch was served through the noon hour, as long as dinner and oysters to come and oysters were served in the evening in various styles to order. The stand generally was thorough-going and business-like, and the receipts of the day amounted to about \$155.

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